

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been replaced with new claims 11-17. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification. More specifically, support for new claim 11 can be found in original claims 7, 1 and 3 of the application. Support for new claim 12 can be found in original claim 4. Support for new claim 13 can be found in original claim 5. Support for new claim 14 can be found in claim 6. Support for new claim 15 can be found in original claim 8. Support for new claim 16 can be found in original claim 9. Support for new claim 17 can be found in original claim 10.

35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. More specifically claim 1 defined a "manufacture of a medicament". Original claim 1 has been cancelled and none of the new claims recite a "manufacture of a medicament". Therefore, Applicant's respectfully request the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection be withdrawn from consideration.

35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection

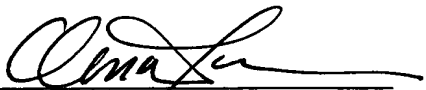
Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Claims 1-10 have been replaced with new claims 11-17 wherein the independent claim recites the mutated-RET kinase associated diseases as being selected from thyroid cancers, pheochromocytoma, mucosal neuromas, hyperparathyroidism, parathyroid hyperplasia, Hirschsprungs disease or Cutaneous Lichen amyloidosis. Applicants believe the new set of claims satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Entry of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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